

March 3, 1970

Hon. Shirley Chisholm  
United States Representative  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Chisholm:

Your statement on "Abortion and Population Control" which appeared in the Congressional Record for December 11 has only just come to my attention. May I offer my hearty congratulations for your courageous and perceptive statement.

Am I wrong in the belief that you are the first member of the Congress to have taken a forthright position on the question of voluntary abortion?

I am enclosing an article of my own that appeared a few days ago in the Washington Post. You might well believe that I had plagiarized your statement, but instead I trust you will accept my regret that I was not aware of it in time to give it the credit it justly deserves.

Yours respectfully,

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